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Storer et al.

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For: PROSTHETIC IMPLANT CEMENT
DEFLECTOR AND METHOD OF
IMPLANTATION

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004 in the above-identified application, setting forth objections to the claims amended in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, wherein the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-8 and 14-23, drawn to a bone cement deflector and kit, classified in class 606, subclass 92.

II. Claims 9-13, drawn to a method for implanting a prosthesis in a medullary canal of a long bone, classified in class 606, subclass 62.

In response, Applicants have cancelled the objected to claims 1-8 and 14, 20 and 21 and added new claims 24-32.

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